



NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

Firstly let me wish you all a happy new year! I hope that you all had a good Christmas and that everyone has recovered from the terrible cold and flu bugs going around..

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families that completed the questionnaire before the Christmas holidays and for all your valuable comments. Sixty six questionnaires were returned and I have carefully read each and every one. Over the coming half term, I will share your comments with staff and governors and they will help guide future improvement as well as contribute to the school's self-evaluation.

As always I would like to remind parents that where you have any concerns or questions about your child and their schooling, please do not hesitate to come in and make an appointment to speak with either myself or another member of staff.

Best wishes and here's to a happy and healthy 2018!

Emma Moakes
Acting Headteacher

Cinderella pantomime 26th January

Many thanks to the families who have sent in the £4.00 contribution towards our annual pantomime visit. Sadly we have not as yet received enough money to cover half the cost of the visit, the other half of which the school is funding. The cost of the visit in total is around £1200 and as a school this is a huge sum to find. Can we ask that any further contributions be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Residential Trip Payments

Please can any outstanding money for the Calshot trip which is from Wed 21st Feb to Friday 23rd Feb 2018 be paid by **Friday the 9th February**. This is the last day of this half term and the trip commences the 1st week after half term. Letters will be coming home to parents who do owe money for the trip as the school has already paid the final balance. We as school are now working on a very tight budget with things not looking to get better in the future. It is important if you have agreed for your child to attend a trip that payment is made before the trip commences. If we do not recover all the funds, this means that part of our school budget cannot be made available for other resources.

School Census Day

Thursday 18th February is our School Census day. Every school has to complete the school census each term as this gives a reflection of the school numbers and helps the government work out what funding is needed for the school. Part of the census is reporting how many school dinners have been taken on the day, therefore I am appealing to parents to encourage their children to have a school dinner on this day. The dinner options are;

- Roast Chicken (Red Option)
- Vegetable Goujons (Green Option)
- Cheese & Beans Jacket Potato

Look at our websitewww.waterside.hants.sch.uk

Service families

This message is for the attention of Regular Forces Service parents.

If your child attends a state school, Academy or Free School in England and has been registered with the school as a Service pupil, the school will be granted a Service Pupil Premium of £300. The Service Pupil Premium (SPP) is provided by the Department of Education to enable schools to offer additional, mainly pastoral, support during challenging times, which could include anything from a Service parent being away, being injured on active service to bereavement. Funds are paid directly to schools, with the headteachers and school governors deciding how the funds are used. Schools with Service child in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive SPP, but only if your child's name appears on the school roll as being a Service Child.

The annual census takes place on Thursday 18 January 2018 and children must be registered as a Service child before this date for the school to receive this money. You are encouraged to contact the school and make us aware your child is from a Service family (please do not assume we know.) This information is not shared with other organisations and is protected on the National Pupil database.

Dinner Debt

A big thank you for the reduction in dinner debt it has greatly reduced since the last newsletter in December. Please see the below outstanding dinner debt for each year group. A gentle reminder that school dinners should ideally be paid in advance or on the day.

Year 3 - £59.95
Year 5 - £67.15

Year 4 - £50.71
Year 6 - £44.00

Scooters & Bikes

Now that Christmas is over we notice there are lots of children bring into school their new bikes & scooters. Please be reminded that they are not allowed to be ridden on the school grounds for H & S reasons. Also children do need to wear a helmet

and make sure they have a lock to secure the item, if being left on the school grounds.

Diary Dates (new dates in bold)

04.01.17 – Return to school

26.01.18 – Pantomime

09.02.18 – last day of half term

10.02.18 – 18.02.18 – Half term holiday

21.02.18 – 23.02.18 - Calshot Residential

29.03.18 – last day of spring term

30.03.18 – 15.04.18 – Easter holidays

Please remember to check book bags for letters and reply slips. All letters are on the website.

For other Hampshire holiday dates, please see school website or go to:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays>

Inset days this academic year

INSET days for this academic year have been agreed with governors and will be as follows:

Friday 6th July, 2018

Monday 9th July, 2018

Monday 23rd July, 2018